

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Attention *Mr. Mitchell*
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February 10, 1971

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Dear John:

All of us in the Department were pleased with the prompt action by the Federal Grand Jury which is currently investigating acts of violence attributed to the militant Jewish Defense League. We are hopeful that the return of indictments and resulting prosecutions under Federal statutes will demonstrate to JDL members and sympathizers, as well as to the American public and the international community, the resolve of the United States Government not to tolerate unlawful attacks upon official and commercial representatives of foreign governments. More fundamentally, we believe that the deterrent effect of such prosecutions upon violent anti-Soviet acts will measurably improve the ability of the United States to deal with the Soviet Union on substantive foreign policy issues such as those with which JDL leaders have expressed concern.

In furtherance of our discussion of possible Federal legislation designed to deter future acts of violence and harassment directed against foreign officials, we appreciated the opportunity to work with officers of your Internal Security Division to formulate specific legislative proposals. We have informed your Criminal Division and Office of Legal Counsel, and the United States Secret Service of these proposals.

The Honorable
John N. Mitchell,
Attorney General

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For your easy reference in case you have not seen them, I am enclosing copies of the draft bills that have been submitted to your Internal Security Division. Further discussions of these measures are contemplated in the near future. We would hope that, through our continuing joint efforts, an appropriate legislative package can be submitted to the Ninety-second Congress at an early date.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

John N. Irwin II
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Enclosures:

Copy of letter to Mr. Maroney,
Department of Justice, dated
January 29, 1971.

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